Women harassed by NRI husbands

†2540. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received from women harassed by their Non-Resident Indian husbands during the last two years;

(b) the action taken on these complaints;

(c) whether any provision has been made by Government to provide legal and financial help to these affected women; and

(d) if so, ,the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) The number of complaints received by Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs in this regard during'the last two years is indicated below:

Year 2005 - 1 9

Year 2006 (upto December 2006) - 65

(b) The complaints have been taken up with the authorities concerned such as Indian Missions abroad, Police authorities or the State Governments for appropriate action in the matter.

(c) and (d) A scheme for giving legal/financial assistance to women deserted by their overseas Indian spouses has been launched by the Ministry. A copy of the scheme is enclosed as Statement. [Refer to the Statement Appended to the Answer to USq 2539 (a) to (c)]

Facilities to NRIs

2541. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities provided to Non-Resident Indians in the field of investment, bank savings, education facilities, social security etc.;

(b) whether there is any proposal to prepare a policy in this regard;

(c) whether a study regarding their contribution to the country has been made;

(d) the details of issues relating to NRls that are pending for the consideration of Government and at what stage these issues are pending for consideration?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (d) Details are being collected from various Government Ministries/ Department and will be laid on the table of the House.

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